

LOCAL MATTERS.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—War Department, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D. C., Aug. 2, 1877—10:30 a. m.—For the middle Atlantic States falling barometer, increasing north and east winds, stationary temperature, cloudy weather and light rains.

THE CANAL TROUBLES.—The Baltimore Sun has the following report of the conference held in that city yesterday:—

A committee of canal boatmen yesterday had an informal conference at No. 32 St. Paul st. with A. P. Gorman, president, and Michael Bannan, John Humbird and Patrick Hammill, directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company. The committee of boatmen, including Mr. Harrison, of Hancock, chairman; Thos. Dannelly, of the Borden Coal Company; Jackson Hooper, of Brentlinger, American Company; Wm. H. Boyer, Consolidation Company, and John Cahill, New Central Company, were appointed at a general meeting of boatmen at Cumberland last Friday to come to Baltimore and confer with Mr. Gorman, president of the canal, and the president of the coal companies, with a view to a settlement of the differences between the coal companies and the boatmen, the latter of whom have been on a strike the past two months.

Mr. Gorman agreed to confer with the committee of boatmen informally, and invited several of his directors to be present. Some of the coal company presidents had intended to be present at the conference, but the burning of the canal last Sunday night by a gang of men altered the whole programme. The coal companies sent word to the boatmen committee yesterday that in view of that outrage and vandalism they would positively decline to treat with the boatmen until the canal blockade is broken, and the boatmen go to Cumberland and assist in the punishment of guilty parties who destroyed property on the canal. There were consequently no representatives from the coal companies at the conference, and the boatmen expressed their disappointment, while they denounced the wanton destruction of the steamer and all other overt acts.

They presented Mr. Gorman with a statement of their demands in substance as follows:—

1. The boatmen to receive \$1 a ton for carrying coal from Cumberland to Georgetown, and five cents more a ton to Alexandria; that rate to be fixed for the whole season by written contract.

2. All boats to be employed and loaded in turn.

3. Trippage to be reduced to \$15 per trip. They also presented a statement of minor grievances which they were willing to discuss at length, but they are not leading points in the matter at issue.

Mr. Gorman replied to the first demand, for an increase to \$1 a ton, that he would not recommend it to the coal companies because he knew it would not be accepted. The coal companies could not pay the boatmen such figures and compete with the low rates for carrying coal by the railroad. He, however, thought it but just that the coal companies should pay the boatmen uniform rates per ton, and he believed such arrangement would be made at figures the shippers could afford to pay. Before the strike the price paid per ton was not uniform, varying from 90 to 75 cents.

To the second demand the reply was that it would be impracticable to employ all the boats and load them by turns. There are 500 boats on the canal, with capacity to move 2,000,000 tons of coal in the season of eight months, while there are but about 600,000 tons to be moved this season. All the boats cannot be employed, nor can they be loaded in regular turn.

The statement of trippage asked for was considered just and proper, and the coal companies it was thought would agree to enforce it. Among canal boatmen "trippage" means payment on the installment plan. Capitalists build boats and sell them to the boatmen, who are required to pay an installment of money every trip until the boat is paid for. It was stated the boatmen by this process pay very high prices for their boats, sometimes double and even triple as much as they can be built for now, and it was thought the boatmen should have all the advantages incident to the cheapening of that kind of property. The committee were promised all the protection of law in that direction. A boat formerly cost \$1,200 to build, and now could be constructed for much less.

There was a general interchange of views on the conference, which lasted four hours. The boatmen said they had hoped the canal company would agree to reduce its tolls, say five or ten cents a ton, so that the shippers could pay more to the boats, but they were assured the canal could not take lower than its present rates. The boatmen at the end of the conference said they were sorry nothing had been accomplished. They did not know whether any of the boats would go to work pending a settlement of the matter with the coal companies, which latter, it is understood, will confer at Cumberland and some have not expressed as yet a willingness to unite in any conference. One of the boatmen remarked that he did not want to go to work at the prices because there was no chance for making any money.

In the two months' strike the burning of the steamer on Sunday night was the first decidedly violent act which required the active intervention of the legal authorities. It resulted in a notification to the sheriffs of the counties on the line that property on the canal is endangered, and if they are not able to cope with the danger the powers of the State will be invoked through its civil authority.

The Cumberland News of yesterday says:— "The captain of the canal steamer 'Star, No. 3,' burned by masked men last Sunday night, makes a statement of the affair, the details of which are not given. He says that the steamer was on fire, away from a house near the lock, it was on fire, flames should not be communicated to the building."

BOAT RACES.—Owing to the troubles on the canal there are a large number of vessels lying at this port awaiting cargoes, and as all the repainting, scraping of masts and other repair work necessary to them has been done, the crews have been discharged and the officers having nothing to do, to relieve the monotony have gotten up several boat races between the yawl boats of their various vessels, many of which are hotly contested and excite much interest along the wharves. A race was had yesterday from the American coal wharf to the shipyard, and around the U. S. steamer Plymouth to the point of starting, between the boats of the schooner Elinette Birdsell and Annie L. Luckwood, in which the latter's boat came out ahead. A grand race, in which about fifteen boats will be engaged, is now under consideration.

This morning a race was sailed between the boats of the schooners Wm. Mason and Elinette Birdsell, from the American coal wharf to the shipyard and return, resulting in a victory for the Mason's boat.

DELEGATES' MEETING.—A meeting of the delegates from this city to the State Conservative Convention at Richmond met at the Treasurer's office last night. The delegates organized by the election of Mr. Hugh Latham as chairman and Charles E. Stuart as secretary. Several propositions in regard to the method of discussing the role of the delegation were discussed and laid over on account of the absence of part of the delegates.

SURRENDERED HIMSELF.—James Trammell, who stands indicted for the killing of Charles W. Adams, surrendered himself yesterday and was bailed by Judge James Sangster in the sum of \$500. It is understood that Trammell has never been out of Fairfax county.

All of them have used Dr. Bull's Blood Mixture. Who? Those who heretofore suffered with Boils and Pimples, but who are now free from such annoyances.

DRUGGED.—A farmer from the back country

arrived here this morning from Washington, to see his commission merchant, and get a supply of money. He represents, that having provided himself with \$50 in cash and a draft for \$75, the latter of which he placed in his valise, he started for this city via the Midland train on Tuesday last. On the train he became acquainted with a stranger, who invited him to take a drink, which invitation he accepted, and remembers nothing more until he found himself at Boyle's Hotel, in Washington, yesterday evening, minus his valise and money. He had directed the conductor to put him off at Washington, which direction was complied with, although he had a ticket through to New York, whether he was going to visit a brother. The clerk at Boyle's Hotel says that the farmer came there and acted so strangely that it was thought best to watch him, which was accordingly done, until he regained his senses. It is supposed that the liquor given him by the stranger on the cars was impregnated with some strong drug. He was furnished with money and started home to day.

RENOVATING.—Mr. Charles Hartell, an employee of the Government, went to work this morning with some sixteen or twenty men to thoroughly repair, renovate and repaint the custom house and postoffice building. The work will, it is estimated, take about six weeks, and so far as possible, Alexandria workmen will be employed, laborers receiving \$1.50 per day and painters \$2.75 per day.

COAL CONTRACT.—The Committee on the Poor and on Public Property met last night in joint session at the Auditor's office and opened the bids for furnishing the almshouse with coal. The contract was awarded to George's Creek, Cumberland coal, \$3.37 per ton; store and oar, \$3.67 per ton, and out, \$3.73.

PICNIC.—The picnic at Gibson's, Fairfax county, on Tuesday last, was a success, fully 1500 hundred people were present. The Good Templars of Fairfax county turned out in force and presented a fine appearance in their regalia. Speaking, music, &c., was the order of the day.

EXCURSION TO WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS.—On Saturday next, August 4th, excursion tickets to Greenbrier White Sulphur Springs will be offered at \$6.00 for the round trip—much less than half the regular fare. Leave Alexandria by regular train at 7:20 p. m., and returning, leave White Sulphur at 4:30 a. m. Monday, the 6th, and arrive at Alexandria at 6:05 p. m. Tickets good only for the round trip as here given. S. SPENCE, Supt. Transportation. J. M. BROADUS, G. T. A.

COMMERCIAL.—ALEXANDRIA MARKET, Aug. 2.—The market is dull and weaker. New Wheat Flour is 25c off, though receipts continue light. Offerings to day of 1423 bushels of Wheat, which sold at 110c43 for common to prime; this is a considerable decline since yesterday. Corn is in good receipt, and prices are lower; sales of 2530 bushels at 65 and 68 for mixed, and 65 for yellow. 187 bushels of Rye remained over unsold, and about 1000 bushels of Oats brought 45, 35 and 28, as to quality. Nothing doing in country produce.

BALTIMORE CATTLE MARKET, August 1.—Best Beef—Prices today ranged as follows: Best Beef, eight months, 5 75 to 6 75. Generally rated first quality, 5 00 to 5 75. Medium or good fair quality, 4 00 to 4 75. Ordinary thin Steers, Oxen and Cows 3 50 to 4 00. General average of the market, 5 00 to 6 75. Most of the sales were from 4 50 to 5 50. Total receipts for the week 2319 head.

The market for home consumption has been only fair this week at prices varying but little, and, from these sources, the latter being large, scarcely compares as to quality with those received there, the best of the arrivals, on Friday and Saturday of last week, being reshipped east, chiefly on speculation. Quotations 3 50a \$6 70 per 100 lbs, a few choice Steers being sold at the latter figure.

Allich Cows—The market was slightly more active than last week. Sales at 27a45 per head.

Sheep and Lambs—The sheep market showed some little activity in the beginning, but it was only of brief duration, being confined to a speculative Eastern demand for Lambs and young sheep for home consumption, the latter being in light supply. Common stock of all kinds was sold. We quote Sheep at 45a55 per lb gross, and stock Sheep at 2a35 per head. Lambs 4a55 per lb gross. Receipts this week 5236 head.

Hogs—The receipts of Hogs have not been very heavy this week, following the very light run last week, though showing a marked increase, reaching this market chiefly through the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad. The demand not having been fairly met early in the week, prices have advanced, on Hogs more than on any other kind of stock, which latter have been trading with comparative freedom. The prices now ruling can scarcely be maintained many days, and it would be injudicious to purchase from present quotations—7a7c per pound. Receipts this week 4079 head.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 2.—Virginia 6s, old, —; do, deferred 6; do, consolidated 6 1/2; 24 series 40. Cotton quiet; middling 12. Flour quiet; Howard street and Western Family 7 50a8 50; City Mills, Rio brands 8a8 25; other grades unchanged. Wheat—prime active and strong, common 150a155; do, amber 155a158; do, white 145a155; Penna red 150a155; do, 2 Western winter red 150a152; do, Aug 140; do, Sept 130a1. Corn dull and lower; Southern white 65a67; do, yellow 62a65; Western mixed spot 61 1/2; do, yellow 61a62; do, mixed 57a58; do, steady; Southern prime new 42a43; Western white old 45a46; do, mixed 40a41; Penna old 46. Rye quiet and steady at 65a67. Hay dull and unchanged. Sugar quiet at 11c. Coffee quiet and firm; Rio cargoes 13a24; Jobbing 17a22. Whiskey nominal at 81 1/2.

NEW YORK, August 2.—Stocks weak. Gold 166 1/2. Flour dull and in buyers' favor. Wheat dull; futures 1 to 10 lower. Corn a shade firmer.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—There were 27 bids for Government gold to-day. Bids aggregate \$5,720,000 at from 105 to 105 3/4. The award will be made at from 105 1/4 to 105 3/4.

AT THE BALTIMORE STOCK BOARD yesterday B. & O. shares were stronger, closing at 91 1/2 bid, 95 asked.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, AUGUST 2.

San rises..... 4 1/2 Moon rises..... 10 00

San sets..... 7 7 1/2 High water..... 0 00

ARRIVED.

Steamer Express, Baltimore, to Broderick & Co. Steamer reports two loaded vessels in the river bound up, and a party ashore at Cedar Point.

Sch. Mary Zimmerman, Havre de Grace, to Wm. A. Smoot.

Sch. Belle Brown and Alice Borda, for Washington.

Sch. R. P. Nelson, Providence, to John P. Agnew & Co.

Sch. J. W. Thompson, Leonardtown, by F. A. Reed.

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From Washington.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE.] WASHINGTON, August 2.—The members of the Cabinet scarcely conceal their satisfaction that the Administration has passed not only safely, but they think with credit, the second great trial, the strikers movement, the Southern situation being considered the first. "Now if we can get the Indians all quiet by the opening of the session of Congress we shall be entitled to the plaudits, well done good and faithful servant." So says a prominent friend of the Administration. So do men take credit to themselves for the ordinary workings of Providence.

THE PRESIDENT'S MOVEMENTS. The President will leave here on Monday, the 13th instant, for Bennington, Vermont, to take part in the celebration at that place on the 10th instant. He will remain in New England a week.

A CITY INCIDENT. The great question this week is between the Mrs. Hayes's Temperance Society and the Schenckelstein. The Mrs. R. B. H. T. S. has grown up to a vigorous youth in a few days. It is a healthy child, and, while it is not known that Mrs. Hayes has ever recognized the bantling, it is worthy of most respectable parentage, and has been going about doing good ever since it was born. The Mrs. R. B. H. T. S. hates the Schenckelstein loves what the Mrs. R. B. H. T. S. hates, and says so on its banners and its triumphal arch. And to make its triumph complete, the Schenckelstein shows a nose, to which Simon Wolf appends a card, saying that it was presented to the Schenckelstein by Mrs. R. B. Hayes.

This galls the Mrs. R. B. H. T. S., who enquire, and find out, that Mrs. Hayes knew nothing about the bouquet, and was away from the White House when the procession passed, but that the nose was given by one of the President's gardeners. Meanwhile Mr. Wolf carries the bouquet home; Mr. Beyer, the Schenckelstein King, is disgusted at Mr. Wolf's presumption and gives his disgust vent, and the Mrs. R. B. H. T. S. boil over in wrath. The flowers have faded, but the quarrel, triangular in form, between Mrs. R. B. H. T. S., Register Simon Wolf and the discredited Schenckelstein King continues.

Local Brevities.

The beautiful marble figure which surmounts the monument erected to the memory of the late Rev. J. T. Johnston, in St. Paul's Cemetery, is the work of one of the best known and most experienced sculptors in Caparra, Italy; and not of a youthful artist as has been reported in this city.

The door of the store of J. Diefus & Co., on the river front, was found open, last night, but, although the place was searched by the police, no signs of robbers or robbery were discovered.

The entire exhaustion of the supply of Cumberland coal, on hand here, has necessitated the use of Anthracite coal by several of the steamers, upon the river.

We have to thank Mr. G. Walker for the best tomatoes we have seen this summer.

JOB PRINTING!

We respectfully call the attention of our customers and the public generally to the fact that we are always prepared to execute all kinds of

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BILL HEADS, CIRCULARS, BILLS OF LADING, TICKETS, LETTER HEADS, BOOKS, BRIEFS, PAMPHLETS, INS. POLICIES, SCHOOL REPORTS, ENVELOPES, MANIFESTOS, WEDDING CARDS, VISITING CARDS, INVITATIONS, CARDS OF HONOR, HAND BILLS, POSTERS, &c., &c., &c.

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and are constantly adding to our stock, from which we are prepared to print anything, from a visiting card up to a poster.

We guarantee satisfaction in every particular, and assure all who may entrust their orders with us that they will be executed promptly.

ORDERS FROM THE COUNTRY

will receive special attention.

25 BOXES NICE SOAP just received. It is the cheapest Soap sold; only 3c a cake. Housekeepers will save by using it. For sale by

Geo. McBurney & Son, 106 and 170 King street.

A CHOICE LOT OF UNCOVERED SUGAR CURED HAMS AND SHOULDERS received to-day and for sale low by

R. W. AVERY, 226 King st.

LUNCH TONGUE AND HAM, in one pound packages, a delicious article for travelers, for sale cheap by

R. W. AVERY, 226 King st.

FRESH SUPPLY OF CROSS & Blackwell's A Chow Chow and Piccalilli; also one and two pound Fresh Lobster, received and for sale by

R. W. AVERY.

DAVIS' CINNATON EXTRA SUGAR CURED DRIED BEEF for broiling and chipping. [See 27] McBurney & Son

PRUNES.—Another invoice of TURKISH PRUNES, which we offer at reduced prices. [See 27] W. A. JOHNSON.

MACHINE CHIPPED BEEF, something very nice, at

J. C. & E. MILBURN.

VERY NICE IMPERIAL TEA at 40 cents per pound at

McBurney's.

THOSE who want a CHEAP TEA will do well to try cur's at 10 cents, just received by

J. C. & E. MILBURN.

ANYTHING you may need in the building line can be had of

B. F. PEAKE & CO.

SHAD LAKES SWEET CATAWBA WINE at \$2 per gallon.

Geo. McBurney & Son

5 TUBS P. T. GEORGE & CO'S BEST REFINED LARD for sale by

W. A. JOHNSON

WHITE WASH BRUSHES received and for sale by

F. J. DAVIDSON, 147 King st.

MARYLAND, Monumental and Pineapple brands of Hams, small, for sale by

J. C. & E. MILBURN.

ENGLISH PICKLES and "Bunker Hill" do. in glass at

RAMSAY'S.

GARDEN RAKES, Hoes, Spades, Shovels &c., received this day.

B. F. PEAKE & CO.

We have a GOOD MEDIUM TEA, that will draw well, 50 cents per lb.

J. C. & E. MILBURN.

NEW TEAS just received by

J. C. & E. MILBURN.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

WINE PRODUCTS OF NEW JERSEY.—This State is becoming celebrated for its wines. Some of the richest in the world are produced in New Jersey by Mr. A. Speer, whose name has become celebrated as a producer of strictly pure unadulterated Port, Claret, Wine. These wines are not bottled or put in market until it is four years old and has become thoroughly fine and mellow. It has proved itself a wonderful assistant to physicians, who prescribe it from the fact that they have hit upon it as a tonic for debilitated persons. Wine is recommended to be so great as to preclude Doctors from allowing their patients to run the risk of its use. Mr. Speer being aware of this fact has taken the utmost care in the making of his wine, so as to supplant the imported wines by producing a genuine article. His wines are known by chemists to be pure and the most reliable for medicinal purposes. The Druggists throughout the country sell it as bottled by Mr. Speer.—M. J. Tribune.

BEFORE REMOVAL TO THE CORNER, I will close out my fine Stock of Clothing and Gents' Furnishings, comprising in part Cassimere Suits at \$5.00, all Wool Cassimere Pants at \$2.00, heavy all linen Duck Coats at one dollar, and all my fine Cloth, Cassimere and Disagonal Worstad Suits proportionately low.

As the time is drawing near, you will call early to procure bargains.

For all who contemplate traveling, and for other purposes, I have a fine and complete assortment of Trunks and Satchels.

S. DEALMAN,

30 King street.

NOTICE.—We have a large stock of Gents' Fine Shoes of very superior quality, suitable for summer wear, which will be sold at reduced prices in order to close them out.

WADDEY, 74 King st.

SEOLA REDWINE.—FAIRFAX COURT House, July 2, 1877.—James B. Weaver, 130 Market st., Philadelphia.—Dear Sir: I have been subject to severe attacks of headache which last about three days. On Friday night, at the beginning of one of these attacks, I took a wine glassful of your "Seola Redwine," which in a short time relieved me, and kept me free from it the other two days. I would advise persons afflicted as I have been to give it a trial. Yours,

A. A. CHAPMAN.

For sale by E. S. Leadbeater & Bro. [See 15]

LOOK! LOOK!—We have had sent us from a ladies' retailer in New York city quite a lot of LADIES' BOOTS which are a little out of style. They will be sold at about one fourth of their cost. Ask for job lot at

WADDEY'S, 74 King st.

TO THE LADIES.—We have just received a very large and superior stock of LOW QUARTER SHOES, in all of the late styles. They are handsome and durable. THESE GOODS ARE FIRST CLASS, and they will sell for much less than they can be bought elsewhere.

WADDEY, 74 King st.

TEETH, if not kept clean, soon decay. You must, remember, this. Use daily THURSTON'S IVORY PEARL TOOTH POWDER. It will preserve them through life. Sold by druggists. 25c per bottle. Feb 28-17

HARD TIMES demand economy. Practice frugality. Renew your soiled Gloves with J. C. VERN'S INEXPENSIBLE KID GLOVE CLEANER. It will cleanse them thoroughly. Sold by druggists. 25c per bottle.

LOST AND FOUND.

\$100 REWARD.—Escaped from the Guard on the 21st inst. and South Carolina M. R. Railroad, before 12 o'clock Tuesday morning 24th July, the following Penitentiary convict, for whose arrest and delivery to me, or their confinement in jail, a reward of FIFTY DOLLARS, each will be paid:—

KEUBEN MITCHELL,

from near Greenville, Pickens county, Va., 5 feet 7 inches in height, black, 35 years, with a large scar on his left side. Also,

A. SPILLMAN,

from Alexandria, Va., 5 feet 11 inches in height, 23 years old, scar on right breast and left thigh. Any information leading to the arrest and recovery will be thankfully received and suitably rewarded.

T. W. PULLING,

Captain of the Guard.

Near Milton, N. C., July 24/77. [22]

CANARY BIRD LOST.—Lost, this morning, a CANARY BIRD, with black topknot, black wings, and bright yellow breast. A suitable reward will be paid for its return to No. 77 North Washington street. [See 1-33]

HAVING DISPOSED OF MY STOCK TO Mr. E. W. WATKINS,

who has been in my employ for several years, I take pleasure in recommending him to the public for their patronage, and also thank my former patrons for many favors.

AUGUSTUS WALL, 201 King st.

PERSONS IN MY DEBT WILL CONFER a favor by settling promptly with myself or

Mr. Watkins.

A. WALL.

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300 LBS JOHN LUGAS & CO'S IMPERIAL GREEN, in oil, the best and most permanent Green Paint in use for Window Blinds, &c., just received and for sale in quantities to suit by

JANNEY & CO.,

Nos. 79 and 115 King street.

HALES' HONEY OF BOREHOOUND and TAR, for Coughs, Colds, Influenza and all affections of the Throat and Lungs, leading to Consumption. For sale by

WARFIELD & HALL,

Corner Prince and Fairfax sts.